

On March 29, 1989, Dave Morgan, 29 S. River Street, Franklin, Ohio, 45005, phone no. 513-743-9287, was interviewed at Jonathan's Cafe, Second and Main Streets, Franklin, Ohio, by BRI investigator Leroy D. Federle. Morgan was advised of the identity of the investigator and the nature of the inquiry.

At the outset, Morgan was further advised that this investigation was being conducted for John Dowd, Special Counsel to Major League Baseball.

Morgan stated he and Ron Peters are good friends. Their relationship goes back to when they attended the same high school. From 1977 to 1978 they rented an apartment together until Peters got married in May, 1978. During the time they shared the apartment, Peters was the assistant pro at Beckett Ridge Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio, while Morgan also worked there as a golf cart maintenance man. Morgan worked at Beckett Ridge for three years.

It was not until years later, about 1985, that Morgan learned that Peters had been in the bookmaking business (bookie), when Peters told Morgan he needed help answering the phone to take bets from the small amount players, who bet in the \$50 to \$100 range. Morgan agreed to assist Peters in his bookie operation which was located in a condominium in Westchester, Ohio.

Morgan advised that Peters had some "big" players (over \$100). Whenever the big players called, Morgan handed the phone to Peters. The big players used code names or numbers to identify themselves. Morgan characterized a "big player" as a person who bet from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a game. Morgan declined to identify or say if there were others at the condominium taking bets for Peters.

Morgan advised that one of Peter's big players was Tommy Gioiosa. Gioiosa never used a code name or number when he called to place a bet. Morgan answered the phone when Gioiosa called and then turned the call over to Peters. The bets that Gioiosa made were mostly bets on football and basketball games. Sometimes Gioiosa would call three times in one night. During basketball season Gioiosa called every night.

Morgan advised that when Peters was too busy to pick up the losses that Peters sent Morgan to pick up the money from Gioiosa. Morgan recalled meeting with Gioiosa on at least

five separate occasions to collect for Peters. At least two of these meetings took place at Gold's Gym, two were at the Bonded Gas Station parking lot near Rt. 747 and I-275, at Tri-County, and one at the parking lot of an old truck stop located at I-75 and Cincinnati-Dayton Road. Morgan could not recall the dates that these settle-up meetings with Gioiosa took place. Morgan recalled one pickup from Gioiosa was for \$22,000 cash and another for \$60,000 cash but he wasn't sure about the \$60,000 amount. The other three pickups involved at least \$10,000 cash each time, since no settlement would be made on \$10,000 amounts or less, but would be carried over to the next week and settled if over \$10,000. The money from Gioiosa was usually in \$1,000 bundles consisting of \$50 and \$100 bills. Sometimes the money bundles were not covered. Morgan delivered the money to Peters.

Morgan described Gioiosa as a white male, 5'8", long, dark brown hair, muscular build, late 20's to early 30's, drove a black Porsche automobile, and on one occasion a Chevrolet Corvette, color not recalled.

Morgan advised that if Peters lost money on the gambling activity, that Peters would handle the payoffs to the bettors.

Morgan advised he did not answer the phone much during baseball season as the betting activity was usually light and calls were handled by Peters. Morgan did recall Peters telling him during one baseball season that he was losing a lot of money. This occurred about the beginning of the 1987 season when the Cincinnati Reds were winning a lot of games. Gioiosa was out of the picture at this time and another guy at Gold's Gym, Paul Janszen, was doing the betting for Pete Rose, according to what Peters told Morgan.

Morgan met Janszen one time. This was when Morgan and Peters took their wives to a Reds ball game with tickets provided by Janszen. They had dinner with Janszen and his girlfriend at Victoria Station before the game but Janszen did not go to the game with them.

Morgan believed he heard Janszen's voice on the phone no more than five times, when he called to place a bet. Peters handled most of the calls that came in then since the betting activity was slow.

Morgan said he has never personally met Pete Rose. Morgan was working when Rose allegedly visited Jonathan's Cafe in Franklin, Ohio.

Morgan was not sure if he ever took a phone call from Pete Rose. He recalled answering the phone for Peters on one occasion and wasn't sure if the caller said it was "Pete" or if the voice of the caller sounded like Pete Rose's voice, which he has heard several times on television. Morgan gave the phone to Peters who handled the transaction. This call occurred during the football or basketball season.

With regard to Gioiosa, Morgan recalled seeing Peters write up bets from Gioiosa. The slips were kept two or three days until the figures "checked out" and then were burned or shredded.

The period of time that Morgan took phone calls from bettors for Peters covered about two and a half years, or about from mid-1985 to late 1987. As far as Morgan was aware, Peters hasn't taken any bets for one and a half years as everything has "fizzled out".